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cessation programs or to take care of them after they come down with some smoke-related disease. So in either case, we...we end up...we end up a winner. I don't think we need to...to apologize for taking money from a product that even though it's not illegal, does cause many problems in many lives, and I don't think we need to apologize for saying we want some of that money to help take care of you when you become ill with these kind of diseases that's caused by the fact that you used cigarettes sometime in your life. I'm like Senator Chambers, I don't smoke either and never did smoke. And I'd just have to add that Senator Chambers doesn't chew because people with beards look terrible when that runs down the front of their beard so that's why...that's one reason why he would never chew. And...and that's good. But regardless, and by the way, I don't chew either. But, you know, it's easy to stand around and talk and say, well, the other guy pay the...pay the tax, but what we're really saying is...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SPEAKER VRTISKA: ...you're paying your own way. If you become ill with some disease that's caused by the use of tobacco in any form, then somehow you should be prepared to help pay the costs that we eventually incur through the use of...of a legal product and has been indicated, it's legal. There's no doubt about it. So is alcohol but, you know, we have to charge a tax on alcohol to take care of some of the problems that come about by excessive drinking. So, in any event, I don't think we're out of line by requesting that we raise this tax up to 30 cents, and I'm going to continue to support the idea of...of putting an extra tax on, not only...not only just specifically to take care of our shortfall which we have, but also looking at the long-term effect of smoking and how we can help take care of those who become addicted and eventually have health problems. So I think it's a fair tax, and I can't understand why as many people who stand up here that don't smoke are somehow bothered...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...by...thank you.